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REMARKS

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1. On 20 May 1951, the Artillerie Kaserne on August-Bebel Strasse, Frankfurt/Oder quartered about 150 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Trucks drove to the barracks installation. (1) 25X1C
2. On 20 May, the Duelow Kaserne at the intersection of Fuerstenwalder Strasse and Poststrasse quartered a rear detail of not more than 50 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. (2)
3. The northeastern section of the Eichhorn Kaserne on Muellroser Landstrasse was almost vacant on 20 May. Only a few soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were observed. The southwestern section of the installation still quartered about 1,000 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Trucks (3)
4. On 20 May, the Hindenburg Kaserne on August-Bebel-Strasse quartered only a rear detail of about 50 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. No vehicular traffic was observed.
5. On 20 May, the Hofbauer Kaserne at the intersection of Birnbaumsmuehlstrasse and Schubertstrasse quartered not more than 40 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No vehicular traffic was noticed.
6. On 20 May, the Horn Kaserne on Muehlenstrasse quartered a rear unit of about 60 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. No motor vehicles were seen.
7. On 20 May, the Ziethen Kaserne on Kopernikusstrasse was occupied by only a rear detail of about 40 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. There was no vehicular traffic.
8. Prior to 20 May, no changes were observed with the komendantura on Puschkin-strasse. (2)
9. At about 3 p.m. on 16 May, about 30 trucks loaded with billeting equipment stood at the Artillerie Kaserne. Since source saw no loading operations at the railroad station, he concluded that the trucks departed for Lieberose (N 52/A 49)

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By road. A large motor vehicle repair shop was observed in the billeting area of the Artillerie Kaserne for the first time. German workers employed at the installation said that the shop performed repair work which could not be done in the other organizational motor vehicle repair shops at the Frankfurt/

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[redacted] soon driving to the installation. (1)

A fragment of a page from a notebook found at the Lichten Kaserne at the beginning of May bore notes on political indoctrination and ballistics, including the following table listing the measurements of shell craters caused by 76-mm, 100-mm and 152-mm shells:

Caliber	Weight of projectile	Weight of charge	Measurements of crater in meters	
			Diameter	Depth
76-mm	6.5 kg	0.7 to 0.8 kg	0.75 to 1	0.4 to 0.5
100-mm	15.9 kg	2.8 kg	2 to 2.5	0.4 to 0.7
152-mm	40 to 43 kg	5.7 kg	3.5	1.5 to 1.7

The paper also bore an incomplete table indicating the bursting effect of a 76-mm shell as 75 to 100 meters in diameter, that of a 122-mm shell as 450 meters, and that of a 152-mm shell 1,200 meters.

On 20 May, no AA guns were emplaced at the Oder River crossings in Frankfurt/

25X1A [redacted] Comments.

(1) The Artillerie Kaserne quarters elements of the unidentified AAA Div possibly 324. No information on a movement of divisional components to Lichten was stated in paragraph 9, has been received. Elements of the division are known to have been rotated to Jueterbog and Mustraw for firing practice since February 1951.

(2) The barracks installations assigned to elements of the 7th Gds Recz Div quartered rear details only, and the bulk of the division was at Lieberose.

(3) The northeastern section of the Lichten Kaserne is used for the storage of furniture of the Kech office, while the troops with black-bordered red epaulets in the southwestern section of the installation are believed to be a Kommandantura

(4) Another source reported in February 1951 that troops of the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 324, were digging two AA gun emplacements at the railroad bridge across the Oder River. [redacted], no guns have been observed there to date.

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